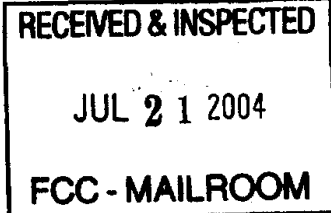


NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY
FCC REGION 8 700 MHZ
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMITTEE



June 22, 2004

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WT Docket 00-32

Dear Ms. Dortch,

The Region 8 (Metropolitan New York) 700 MHz Planning Committee respectfully requests that the Commission extend the date on the current requirement that Regional Planning Committees have for submission of their 4.9 GHz plans. (July 30, 2004¹).

Region 8 has been active in developing these planning guidelines, with dedicated 4.9 GHz working groups focusing on the various aspects of technology, interoperability, spectrum management and applications. However, there is a Petition for Reconsideration filed by the National Public Safety Telecommunications Council (NPSTC) at the Commission pending a decision. Because of the weight of the many logistical, spectrum management, and deployment issues associated with this Petition, we feel that we cannot proceed any further on plan development at this point.

Therefore Region 8 requests that the due date for plan submission to the FCC should at a minimum be six months following the Commissions final action on the pending Petition for Reconsideration filed by NPSTC. We feel that this will be a satisfactory amount of time for the Regional Planning Committee to complete their 4.9 GHz planning efforts.

Thank you for your consideration and anticipated concurrence.

Respectfully submitted,


Peter Meade

Chairman

Region 8 - 700 MHz Regional Planning Committee

CC: The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy
The Honorable Jonathan S. Adelstein
The Honorable Michael J. Copps
The Honorable Kevin J. Martin
John Muleta, Chief-Wireless Telecommunications Bureau

(1) §90.1211 Regional plan.

(a) To facilitate the shared use of the 4.9 GHz band, each region may submit a plan on guidelines to be used for sharing the spectrum within the region. Any such plan must be submitted to the Commission within 12 months of the effective date of the rules.

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